

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Court Room  
7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
August 3, 2008

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:37 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Alice Yellowbank

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.  
Absent: Councilor Shirley Oldman, Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice-Chairman William Denemy, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Guests: Fred Kiogima, Matt Robinson

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Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to adopt the agenda with additions for August 3, 2008.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Oldman, Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of July 20, 2008 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Oldman, Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried

Elders Comments: no comments at this time.

Klas Robinson presentation regarding Feasibility Study for old Victories Casino Building site.

9:59 a.m. Recess called

10:12 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Klas Robinson presentation continued regarding Feasibility Study for old Victories Casino Building site.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11:58 a.m. Lunch recess called.

1:33 p.m. Meeting resumed. Councilor Oldman arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Klas Robinson preliminary feasibility study report as presented by Matt Robinson for the old Victories Casino site for August 3, 2008.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried

The Bauer Commercial Group Confidential Letter dated July 16, 2008 was motioned below to go into closed session.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to go into closed session for proprietary interest purposes at 1:47 p.m.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 – No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried

2:07 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to go out of closed session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

The Legal and Law Committee and Economic Development Committee motion request documents were sent to the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie for impact study statements and will be brought back to Tribal Council for consideration.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report for August 3, 2008 with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Treasurer Chingwa's verbal report for August 3, 2008.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

The Appropriations and Finance Committee report was acknowledged within the Treasurer's report.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr's verbal report regarding Bay Mills Board of Regents for August 3, 2008.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal report for August 3, 2008.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

3:03 p.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke in support of the Tribal Health Board's concern regarding the lack of health care insurance coverage for non-gaming enterprise governmental employees who are primarily Tribal Citizens that have families that are also eligible to utilize the Tribal Health Clinic and the effect it has on contract health funding without that third party revenue. Fred Harrington spoke regarding the Odawa Institute and fund raising events.

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to acknowledge the receipt of the Tribal Chairman's written report for August 3, 2008 with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Oldman to send the funding request to host the Michigan Indian Elder's Association Tri-Annual Meeting in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to place the Fair Employment Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to place the Disclosure of Public Documents Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Oldman for Tribal Council attendance at the Land and Reservation Training Sessions in August and September 2008 in Petoskey Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman for Tribal Council attendance at the Indian Child Welfare Expert Witness Training in September 2008 in Petoskey Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank for Tribal Council attendance at the Critical Issues Conference March 2009 in Mount Pleasant Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Treasurer Chingwa for Tribal Council attendance at the United Tribes Conference August 2008 in Mount Pleasant Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

3:41 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Mulholland)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

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Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date